(b) whether it is a fact that Telegraph Office at Fazilka did not function for more than one and a half month recently and the telegrams from Fazilka were sent to Bhatinda by messengers and it reaches their destination even after ordinary mail;

(c) whether this fact was brought to the notice of the competent authorities and even by group of M.Ps. to the Hon'ble Minister and no action has been taken to restore the system; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir; it is not a fact because SFT channels provided are terminated on electronic teleprinter which does not require air-conditioning environment and can work upto 45 degree celcious temperature.

(b) No, Sir. However, telegraph circuit working between Fazilka and Chandigarh was not upto the mark in May, 93 and on three days in June 93. Therefore, telegrams were sent by post to Chandigarh only on these three occasions in June 93.

(c) Yes, Sir: some complaints were received. Efforts were made to improve working of the telegraph circuit between Fazilka and Chandigarh with the result that efficiency of the circuit improved from 49 per cent in May, 93 to 87 per cent in June, 93.

(d) Fazilka combined office is provided with an electronic teleprinter and is now connected to computerised message transmission system at Chandigarh w.e.f. 22-6-93.

**Tenders Floated by DOT**

876. SHRI MATANG SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Indian Express dated 29th June, 1993 captioned "Mittal to swing 95 crores DOT deals";

(b) what are the details of the tenders and enquiry floated by the Department of Telecommunications for the purchase of telephone instruments and the details of the quotation submitted by each of the tenderers; and

(c) whether any decision for the award of the contract has since been taken if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Department of Telecommunications issued a tender for procurement of 15 lacs telephone instruments. The tender was opened on 16-3-1993. A list of the Type approved participants along with their quoted basic price for a telephone instrument is given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) The matter is under consideration.

**Statement**

| Sl. No. | Name of the firm | Basic price qu ted for each te phone instrume |
|---|---|---|
| | | (Rs.) |
| 1 | Set Telecommunication Pvt. Ltd., Bombay | 597.00 |
| 2 | Indian Telephone Industries, Bangalore | 580.00 |
| 3 | Rajasthan Telephone Industries Ltd., N. Delhi | 596.00 |
| 4 | Bharti Telecom Ltd., N. Delhi | 585.00 |
| 5 | BPL System and Project Ltd., Palaghat | 580.00 |
| 6 | Priyaraj Electronics Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore | 585.00 |
| 7 | GCEL Gandhi Nagar | 615.00 |
| 8 | Remington Rand of India Ltd., N. Delhi | 600.00 |
| 9 | Webel Communication Industries Ltd., Calcutta | 595.00 |
| 10 | Crompton Greaves Ltd., N. Delhi | 600.00 |
| 11 | Pulsar Electronics Ltd., Madras | 600.00 |
| 12 | Tata Keltron, Palghat | 615.00 |
| 13 | Punjab Wireless System Ltd., Chandigarh | 588.00 |
| 14 | Telematics System Ltd., Madras | 640.00 |

**Posting of Spouses in the same station**

877. SMT. KAILASHPATI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of letters/ representations received by Government from the Members of Parliament from December, 1991 to June, 1993 for transfer of spouses if both the partners are working be posted in the same place as per Government rules; also

(b) what is the number of representations still pending upto June, 1993 in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken in respect of these pending representations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE ( THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNIC TIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): ( 299.

(b) 47.

(c) Cases are under consideratior

**क्षतिग्रस्त उपकरणों पर क्षतिभार**

878. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह** : क्य **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करें कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि महानग टेलीफोन निगम लिमिटेड द्वारा क्षतिग्रस्त उपकरणों पर 1200 रुपये की दर से क्षतिभार वसूल किया जा रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान क्षतिभार के रूप में कुल कितनी धनराशि एकत्रित की गयी है और